

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 13, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,359,282 (DeLeeuw). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. With regard to claim 1, DeLeeuw does not disclose a flexible strip having a plurality of imaging arrays deposited thereon. Nor does DeLeeuw disclose that the flexible strip is to be wound on a camera take-up spool. Instead, DeLeeuw merely discloses that a single image sense array 35 is mounted so that it is disposed in optical communication with a camera lens. DeLeeuw, col. 3, lns. 30-32. Accordingly, claim 1 and claims 2 and 13 depending therefrom are patentable over DeLeeuw.

For similar reasons claim 15 is patentable over DeLeeuw. That is, DeLeeuw does not disclose, at least, winding one end of a flexible strip having a plurality of imaging arrays on a camera take-up spool. Accordingly, claim 15 and claim 16 depending therefrom are patentable over DeLeeuw.

For at least the same reasons discussed above regarding claims 1 and 15, the rejections of claims 3-4, 14 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over DeLeeuw are also overcome.

Claims 5-12, 17 and 20 stand rejected under §103 over DeLeeuw in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,181,883 (Oswal). This rejection is improper, at least for the reasons discussed above regarding claims 1 and 15, as neither reference teaches or suggests a flexible strip having multiple imaging arrays and that is to be wound on a camera take-up spool.

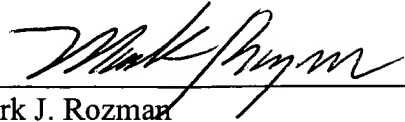
New claims 21-26 are patentable, as they depend from patentable claims 1 and 15.

New claims 27-34 are also patentable, as none of the cited references teach or suggest a cartridge that includes a strip wound on a spool and having a plurality of imaging arrays thereon.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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